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SUBJECT: EC INDUSTRIAL POLICY: COMMISSION ACTION PROGRAM

SEND TO THE COUNCIL

REF: A) EC BRUSSELS 5474

B) EC BRUSSELS A-210, MAY 24

C) EC BRUSSELS 2548

1. THE EC COMMISSION ON OCTOBER 24 APPROVED AND SENT TO THE COUNCIL AN ACTION PROGRAM ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY. THE ACTION PROGRAM, WHICH WAS REQUESTED BY THE EC COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20 (SEE REF A), IS ESSENTIALLY A LISTING OF DATES
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BY WHICH THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO SEE COUNCIL ACTION ON

SPECIFIC COMMISSION PROPOSALS ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY. IT
REPRESENTS AN UPDATING OF ANNEXES TO THE MAY MEMORANDUM ON
INDUSTRIAL POLICY SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH REF B AND DISCUSSED
IN REFS A AND C. THE MISSION WILL FORWARD THE DEPARTMENT A
FINAL VERSION OF THE ACTION PROGRAM WHEN IT IS AVAILABLE.

2. IN THE PENULTIMATE VERSION OF THE DOCUMENT (WHICH WE HAVE),
THE COMMISSION TAKES THE COUNCIL TO TASK FOR NOT ACTING UPON
THE MANY PROPOSALS THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY SENT TO THE COUNCIL.
IT STATES THAT THE FIRST TAKS FOR THE COUNCIL IS TO APPROVE
EXISTING DRAFT DIRECTIVES AND REGULATIONS. IT NOTES THAT THE
PRESENTATION OF AN EXCESSIVE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS
WOULD NEEDLESSLY COMPLICATE THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL. THE COMMIS-
SION THEREFORE WILL BE LIMITING ITS NEW PROPOSALS TO THOSE
PROBLEMS OF A PARTICULARLY URGENT NATURE
ALREADY IDENTIFIED AND OTHERS AS THEY MAY ARISE.

3. THE MAJOR PROPOSALS THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD LIKE TO SEE
ACTED UPON IN 1974 ARE:
A) DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON PUBLIC PROCUREMENT.
B) DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON THE FORMATION AND CAPITAL OF CORPORATIONS,
(FIFTH DRAFT DIRECTIVE ON HARMONIZATION OF CORPORATE LAW).
C) DRAFT REGULATION TO BROADEN THE SCOPE OF JOINT UNDERTAKINGS
INTO NON-NUCLEAR FIELDS.
D) DRAFT REGULATIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMUNITY DEVELOP-
MENT CONTRACTS.
E) CERTAIN SECTORAL POLICIES:
1) AIRCRAFT.
2) COMPUTERS (THIS POLICH HAS NOT YET BEEN PRESENTED TO
THE COUNCIL).
3) SHIP CONSTRUCTION.
F) POLICY ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS (NOT YET PRESENTED TO
THE COUNCIL).
FOR BACKGROUND ON THE ABOVE SEE EC A-282 OF JULY 25.

4. COMMENT: THE ACTION PROGRAM IS EXPECTED TO BE DISCUSSED BY
THE COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. COUNCIL APPROVAL WOULD
REPRESENT, IN A SENSE, A PROMISE BY THE COUNCIL TO WORK MORE
RAPIDLY ON ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN BEFORE IT FOR YEARS. IT IS
THEREFORE DIFFICULT AT THIS STAGE TO DETERMINE JUST WHAT THE
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EFFECT OF COUNCIL APPROVAL WOULD BE. END COMMENT.
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